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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND STEVE SMITH AND CARRIE HUNTER) SUBJECT: W/W: THREE AMERICANS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED

1. AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN KIGOMA, TANZANIA, HAS REPORTED THAT THREE AMERICANS AND ONE DUTCH STUDENTS WERE FORCEFULLY KIDNAPPED NIGHT OF MAY 19/20 FROM GOMBE GAME RESEARCH CENTER. THE THREE AMERICANS ARE ALL GRADUATE OR UNDER-GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROJECT AT GOMBE, CONNECTED WITH MISS JANE GODALL. NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: BARBARA SMUTS; STEVE SMITH; CARRIE HUNTER. DUTCH STUDENT IS EMILIE VAN ZIN NICQ BERGMAN. NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

- 2. DUTCH NOTIFIED LOCALLY.
- 3. CENTER IS LOCATED ABOUT 17 MILES NORTH OF TOWN OF KIGOMA ON NORTHEAST SHORE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. APPARENTLY THERE WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOZENS OF WITNESSES TO THE ATTACK. THE REPORT INDICATED

THAT ARMED AFRICANS ARRIVED AT THE CENTER BY BOAT, BEATING SOME OF THE LOCAL STAFF AND THEN TAKING THE FOUR PEOPLE NAMED AT GUN POINT TO THE BOATS.

4. REQUEST FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF MISSING STUDENTS.
DEFER TO DEPT AS REGARDS NOTIFICATIONS TO FAMILIES.
WILL ADVISE AS FURTHER INFO BECOMES AVAILABLE. CARTER

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